



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7210

LCO No. 4312



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT PROVIDING MUNICIPAL OPTIONS FOR DOG LICENSING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-338 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) (1) Each owner or keeper of a dog of the age of six months or
4 older, except dogs kept under a kennel license as provided in section
5 22-342, shall cause such dog to be licensed in the town clerk's office in
6 the town where such dog is kept, on or before June thirtieth, annually,
7 or at such time as such dog becomes six months old, and annually
8 thereafter, on or before June thirtieth. The owner or keeper shall pay to
9 such town clerk for such license the sum of seven dollars for each
10 neutered male or spayed female dog and the sum of twelve dollars for
11 each unneutered male dog and each unspayed female dog, and one
12 additional dollar in each case as the town clerk's fee for issuing a tag
13 and license as provided in section 22-340. Two dollars from each
14 license fee collected for a neutered or spayed dog shall be deposited
15 into the animal population control account, established under section
16 22-380g. If an owner or keeper of a dog fails to procure a license as

17 required by this section, such owner or keeper shall pay the
18 appropriate license fee specified in this section, the town clerk's fee
19 and a penalty of one dollar for each month or fraction thereof the dog
20 remains unlicensed.

21 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
22 subsection, a town may provide for the licensure of dogs on a biennial
23 or triennial basis. In the event that a town elects to require such
24 licensure on a biennial basis, the dollar amounts specified in
25 subsection (a) of this section shall be doubled and in the event that a
26 town elects to require such licensure on a triennial basis, the dollar
27 amounts specified in subsection (a) of this section shall be tripled.

28 (b) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog under
29 subsection (a) of this section, except for those owners or keepers
30 possessing a rabies vaccination exemption certificate, or a copy thereof,
31 issued pursuant to section 22-339b, shall submit to the town clerk a
32 rabies certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian, or a copy thereof,
33 stating that such dog has been vaccinated against rabies, the date of the
34 vaccination and the duration of the immunity provided by the vaccine.
35 No license shall be issued unless the certificate indicates that the
36 immunity provided by the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing.

37 (c) Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog pursuant to
38 subsection (a) of this section that has been exempted from vaccination
39 against rabies pursuant to section 22-339b shall submit to the town
40 clerk a rabies vaccination exemption certificate issued by the
41 department, or a copy thereof, in lieu of a rabies certificate.

42 (d) This section shall not apply to any dog which is imported into
43 this state for exhibition purposes and which does not remain in this
44 state for more than thirty days. Any person may import, from another
45 state, any licensed dog with collar, tag and rabies vaccination
46 certificate, and keep the same in this state for not more than thirty
47 days, without complying with the provisions of this section.

48 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 22-339a of the general statutes is
49 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
50 *October 1, 2017*):

51 (b) Any person acquiring an unlicensed dog from a dog pound shall
52 be issued a temporary license by the town clerk, or his agent deputized
53 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, which shall expire thirty days
54 after the issuance thereof. Prior to the expiration of a temporary
55 license, the person holding the license shall apply for a license for the
56 remainder of the license [year] period, as provided in section 22-338, as
57 amended by this act, pay the appropriate license fee specified in
58 section 22-338, as amended by this act, and submit a certificate signed
59 by a veterinarian, or a copy thereof, stating (1) that the dog has been
60 vaccinated against rabies, (2) the date of the vaccination and, (3) the
61 duration of the immunity provided by the vaccine. No license shall be
62 issued unless the certificate indicates that the immunity provided by
63 the vaccine is effective at the time of licensing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	22-338
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	22-339a(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide towns with the option of requiring dogs to be licensed on a biennial or triennial basis.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]